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God's Instructions to the Israelites

1. Claim the blessings that He is going to provide them
2. Live according to God's standards
3. Remember that they are blessed to be a blessing
4. Remember that it is God who provided those blessings

A People (Israelites) who Experienced

- Slavery for 400+ years
- Miracles from God that set them free from slavery
- Wandering around the desert for 40 years
- Uncertainties regularly while in the desert

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So Joshua said to the Israelites: “How long do you intend to put off occupying the land the Lord God of your ancestors has given you?”

Joshua 18:3

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You must tear down ... burn up ...the images of their gods; you must eliminate their very memory from that place.

You must not worship the Lord your God the way they worship

Deuteronomy 12:3,4

You must not do like we are doing here today, with **everyone doing what seems best to him...**

Deuteronomy 12:8

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And now, if you will diligently listen to Me and keep My covenant, then you will be **My special possession** out of all the nations, for all the earth is mine,

and you will be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation.**'

Exodus 19:5, 6

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I gave you the victory; it **was not by** your swords or bows.

I gave you a land in which you had not worked hard;

you took up residence in cities **you did not** build and you are eating the produce ... you did not plant.'

Joshua 24:13

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11 Be sure you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments, ordinances, and statutes that I am giving you today.

12 When you eat your fill, when you build and occupy good houses,

13 when your cattle and flocks increase, when you have plenty of silver and gold, and when you have abundance of everything,

14 be sure you do not feel self-important and forget the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt, the place of slavery,

15 and who brought you through ...

Deuteronomy 8:11-15

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Now obey the Lord and worship Him with integrity and loyalty. Put aside the gods your ancestors worshiped ... and worship the Lord.

... **choose today** whom you will worship...

But I and my family will worship the Lord!”

Joshua 24:14-15